

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 1, 7, 9, 11 and 13 are amended, Claims 8 and 10 are canceled and Claims 21-29 are added. In view of the amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration by the Examiner, and advancement of the application to allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants submit that amended Claims 1 and 13 now meet the requirements of section 112, second paragraph. Applicants cancel Claim 8. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections to Claims 1-7, 9 and 11-13.

35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,563,180 listing Michael J. Skowronski et al. as inventor (hereinafter "Skowronski").

Claim 1 recites a composition comprising, among other elements, "at least one Mannich condensate of an amino acid."

Claim 7 recites a composition comprising, among other elements, "at least one Mannich condensate of an amino acid."

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited reference fails to disclose each and every element of Applicants' claimed invention. Skowronski fails to disclose a composition comprising "at least one Mannich condensate of an amino acid," as recited by amended Claims 1 and 7. The cited reference fails to disclose the recited limitations and, therefore, cannot anticipate Claims 1 and 7.

Given that Claims 2-6, 9 and 12-13 depend from Claim 1 and Claim 11 depends from Claim 7, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-6, 9 and 11-13 are allowable. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 1-7, 9 and 11-13.

New Claims

Applicants add Claims 21-29 and submit that the new Claims are fully supported by the specification and add no new subject matter. In particular, Applicants wish to point to the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 12 of the application for support for the new claims. Applicants believe the new Claims to be fully allowable over the reference cited by the Examiner.

Change of Correspondence Address

Applicant also submits an application for change of correspondence address.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed towards the pending Claims.

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